

# **ARRA in Illinois:**

## **Transit and Rail**

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# OVERVIEW



**With likely ARRA and State Funding:  
IDOT's Anticipated Capital Budget  
for Transit and Rail  
will increase exponentially.**

# OVERVIEW:

## ARRA Funds for Downstate Rural Transit



- \$22M available
- 31 rural transit agencies are eligible
- Allowable uses: rolling stock, facilities, equipment
- Funds must be obligated by March, 2010.
  - **CRITICAL:** Grantees and DPIT must track and report on employment and other data

## ARRA Transit Funds: Rural Illinois

PROJECT TYPE	ARRA FUNDING	AWARDED TO DATE	PROJECT SCOPE
ROLLING STOCK	\$8.4 M	\$8.4M	89 PARATRANSIT VEHICLES
EQUIPMENT	\$1.2M	\$1.2M	MAINTENANCE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT
ITS	\$2.4M	\$2.4M	AUTOMATED DISPATCHING AND RECORD KEEPING SOFTWARE/HARDWARE
INTERCITY BUS INITIATIVES	\$3.2M	\$0.740M	8 PARATRANSIT VEHICLES
FACILITY CONSTRUCTION	\$5.4M	\$0.00	CONSTRUCT UP TO 8 NEW FACILITIES OR FACILITY EXPANSIONS
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING	\$0.6M	\$0.6M	SHOVEL READY ASSESSMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS
TOTAL	\$21.2M	\$13.34M	

# ARRA Transit in Rural Illinois: PLANNING PROCESS

DPIT ISSUES  
CALL FOR  
PROJECTS TO  
31 GRANTEES

DPIT PROVIDES  
TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE TO  
GRANTEES TO  
DEVELOP AND  
SUBMIT  
PROJECTS

DPIT  
DEVELOPS  
PROJECT  
CATEGORIES  
AND FUNDING  
CRITERIA

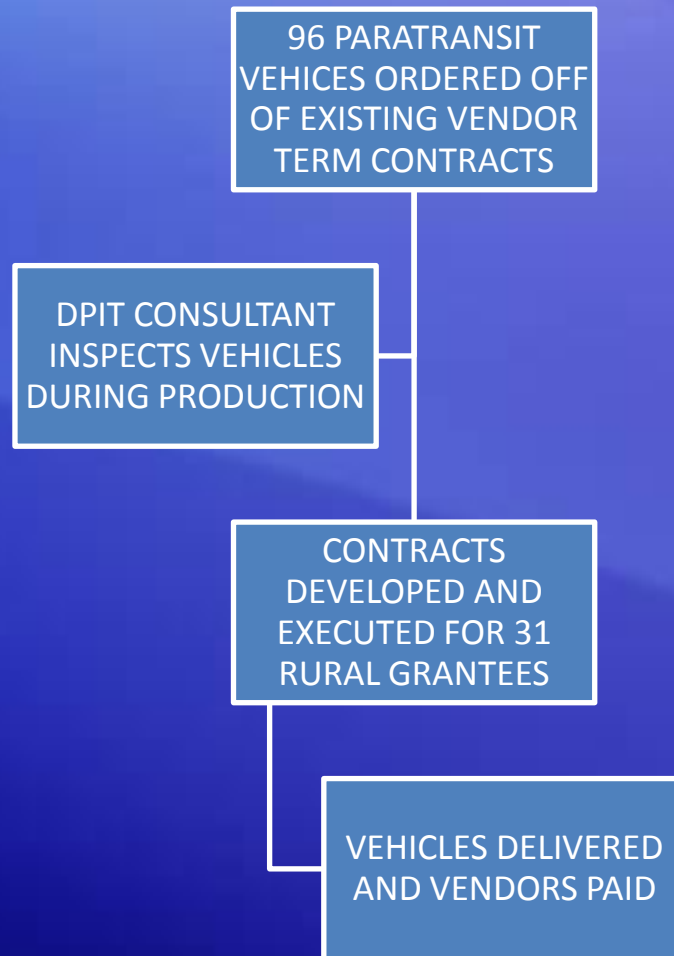
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DEVELOPS  
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PROGRAM FOR  
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WITH OK TO  
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FACILITY  
PROJECTS

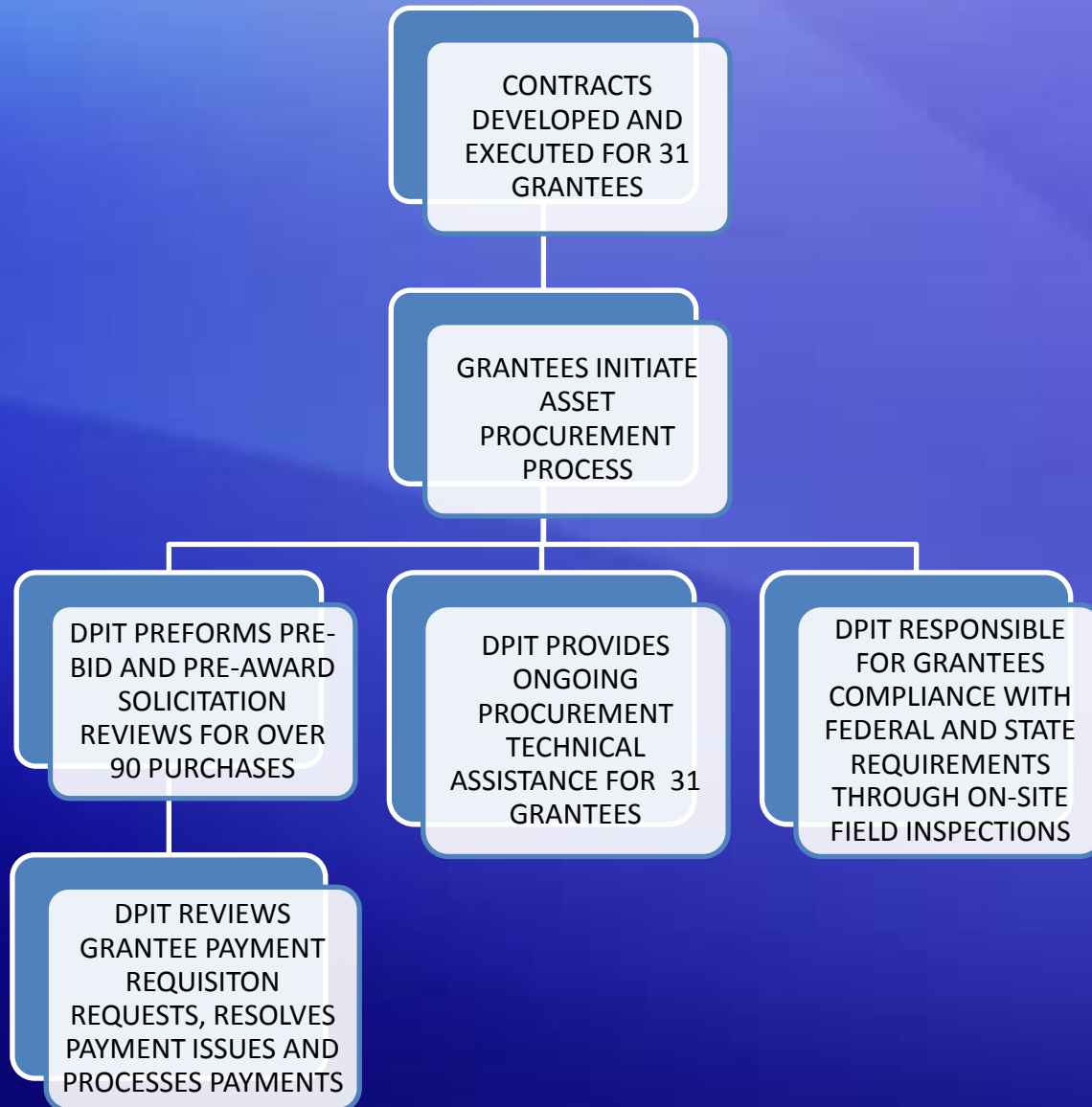
STATE TIP  
AMENDED  
AND FEDERAL  
APPLICATION  
SUBMITTED

DPIT  
DEVELOPS  
MONTHLY,  
QUARTERLY  
AND  
PERIODIC  
REQUIRED  
REPORTS

# ARRA Transit in Rural Illinois: ROLLING STOCK IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS



# ARRA Transit in Rural Illinois: EQUIPMENT IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS





# ARRA Transit in Rural Illinois: FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS









# Why CREATE?

- On any given day in Chicago. . . .
- 1,200 trains (passenger and freight) pass through Illinois' 150 year old rail system...
- 37,500 rail cars traverse the region on 2,800 miles of track.
- 1/3 of U.S. rail freight is shipped through the Chicago region.
- Chicago has become the nation's chokepoint for freight rail.



CANADA



MEXICO

**Illinois**  
**Total Rail Flows**  
(1999)

**Network Flows**  
(Tons)

- Under 5,000,000
- 5,000,000 to 20,000,000
- More than 20,000,000



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Railroad Administration  
Office of Policy



# What does CREATE accomplish?

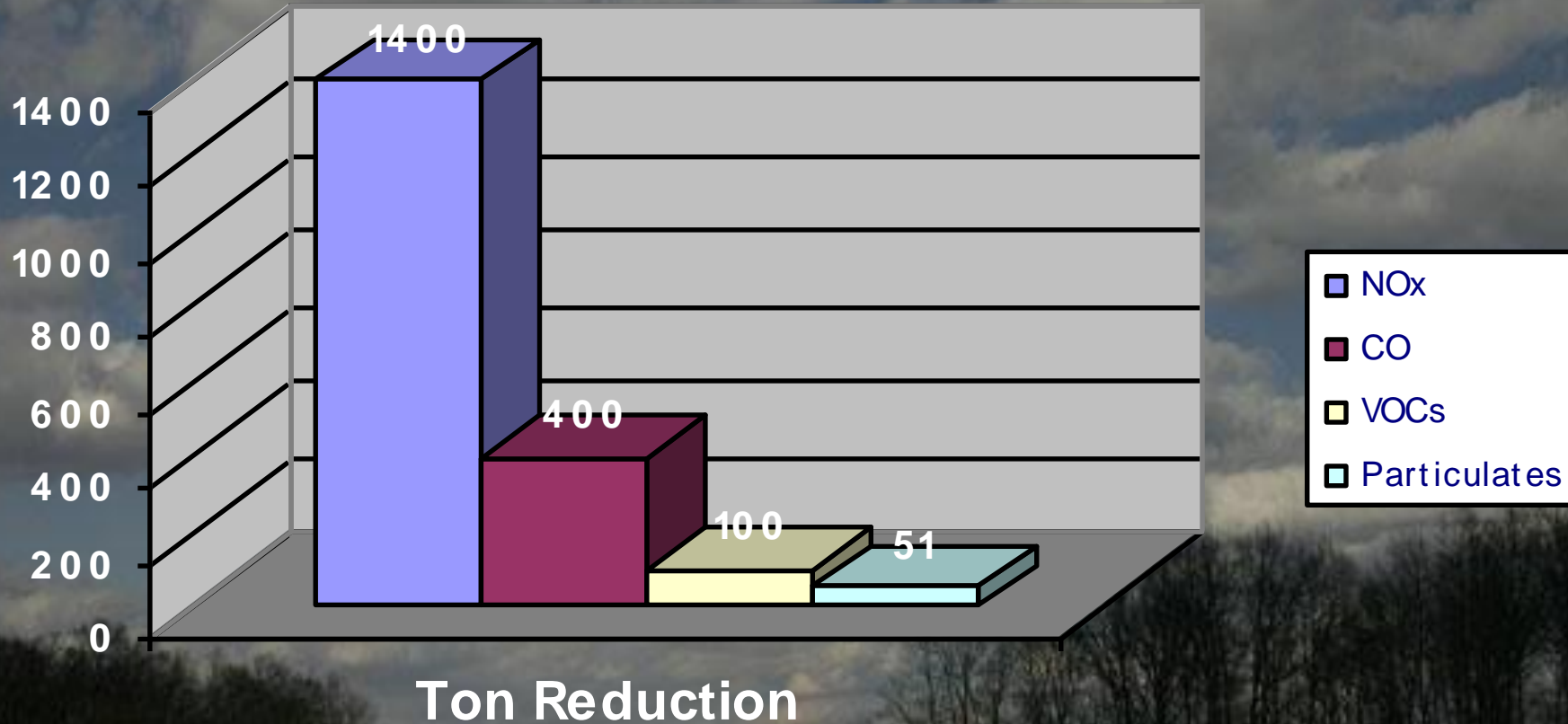
- CREATE removes rail bottlenecks.
- CREATE separates freight lines from passenger lines.
- CREATE eliminates traffic congestion at crossings.
- CREATE promotes safety.

# According to Studies, CREATE will:

- Yield 6,000 to 13,000 jobs.\*
- Preserve 80,000 jobs in the regional economy.\*

\*SOURCE: Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, Regional Economics Applications Laboratory,  
University of Illinois, 2001.

# CREATE Will Clean the Air



- In the first year alone, CREATE will eliminate 1400 tons of nitrogen oxide, 400 tons of carbon monoxide, 100 tons of volatile organic compounds, and 51 tons of particulates



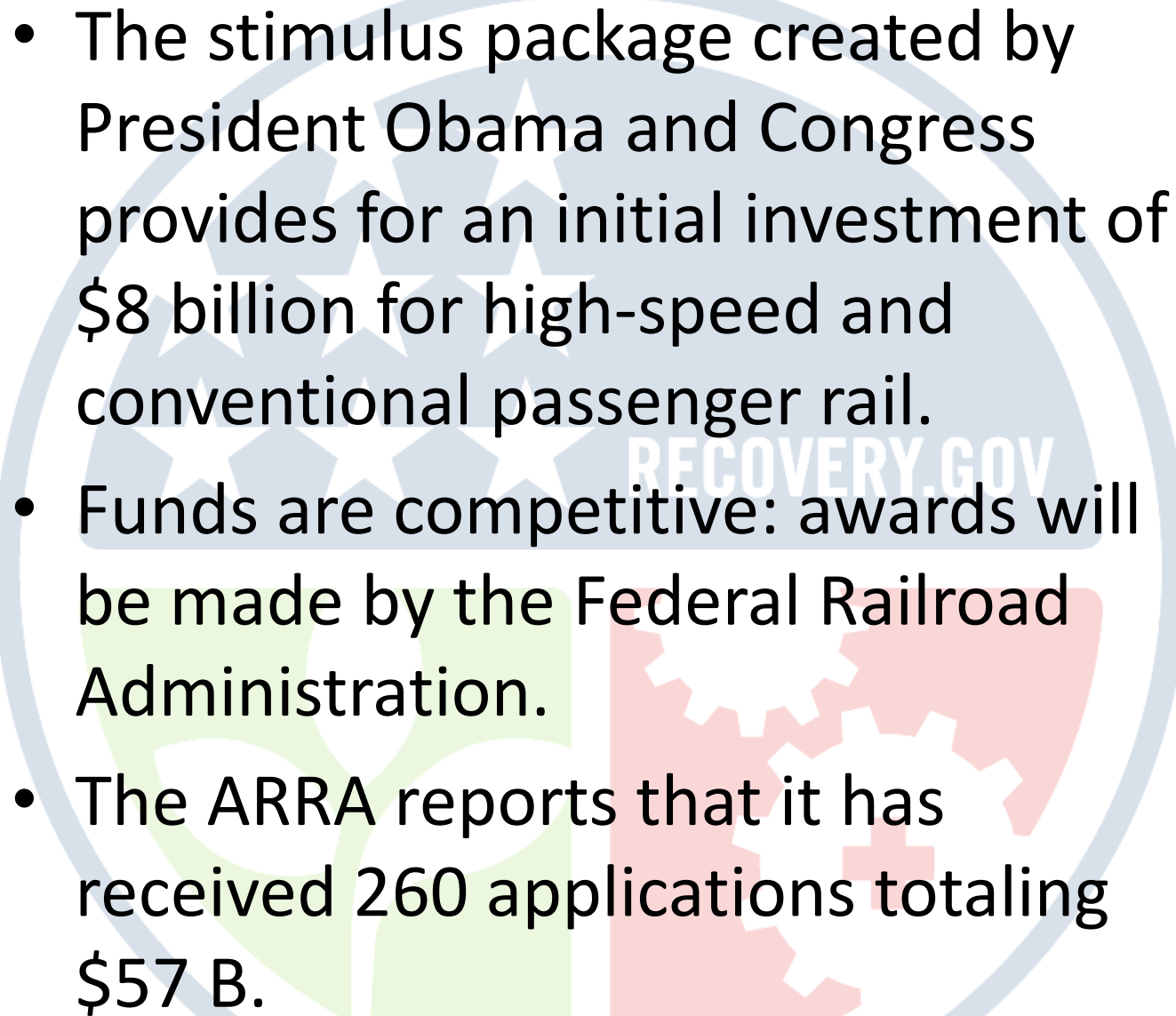
# CREATE Will Speed Up Passenger Rail

- CREATE will make Metra and Amtrak faster and more reliable.
- Freight/passenger service conflicts will be reduced or eliminated in many areas.
- 16 CREATE projects benefit Metra
- 12 CREATE projects benefit Amtrak

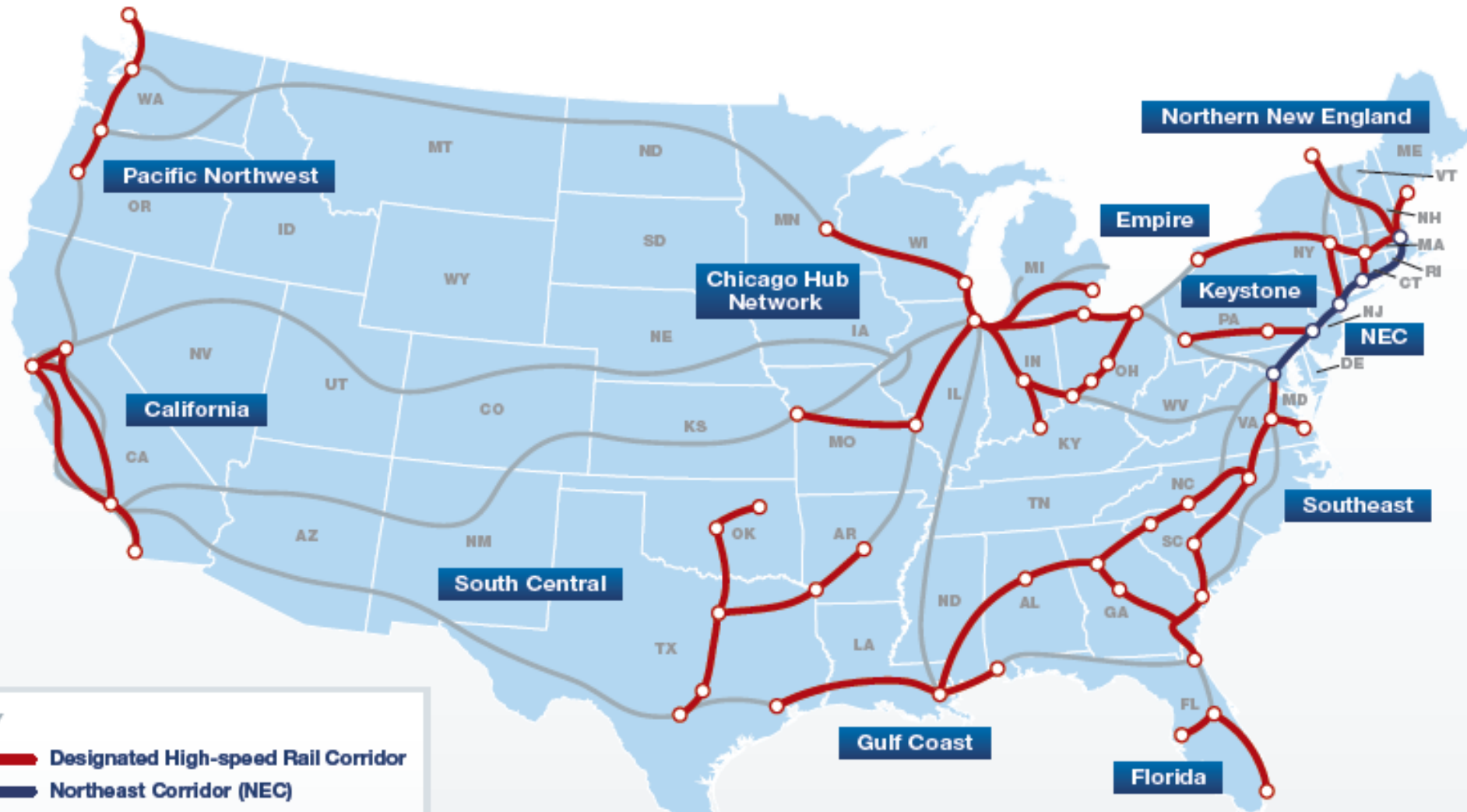






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- The stimulus package created by President Obama and Congress provides for an initial investment of \$8 billion for high-speed and conventional passenger rail.
  - Funds are competitive: awards will be made by the Federal Railroad Administration.
  - The ARRA reports that it has received 260 applications totaling \$57 B.

# And here is our competition:



# DPIT Capital Programs: ARRA and State

